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3                 A bone fracture fixation system includes a substantially rigid plate defining a first  
4         hole having at least one first thread at a first depth, and a second hole, a first fastener  
5         having a head portion and a shaft portion, with the head portion having a second thread  
6         with a second depth substantially greater than said first depth, and a second fastener  
7         sized for use within the second hole. In addition, a bone fracture fixation system includes  
8         a rigid plate defining at least one cylindrical first hole having at least two discrete helical  
9         threads each with a entry lead offset by a predetermined angular displacement, a fastener  
10        having a head portion with a thread sized for engagement within the first hole and a shaft  
11        portion, wherein when the first fastener is engaged in the first hole, the thread of the head  
12        engages with only one of the discrete helical threads.

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